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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING AUGUST 14, 2012, AS "LIBERTY TREE DAY" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Shibley, and Kettle

Date Introduced: May 17, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The early settlers of Boston, Massachusetts, planted an elm tree on Boston
2 Neck in 1646, which grew to be tall, stately, and subsequently known as the "Liberty Tree"; and

3 WHEREAS, It was under this tree that colonists, nearly a century later, held many
4 meetings and spoke against British tyranny in preparing the groundwork for the independence of
5 this nation; and

6 WHEREAS, In one such event, on August 14, 1765, the colonists resisted the Stamp Act
7 by hanging in effigy Lord Bute, the author of the Act; and

8 WHEREAS, The Liberty Tree became well known as a rallying place for the leaders of
9 the country in search of national independence. In response, in 1775 the British authorities
10 ordered the tree to be cut down; and

11 WHEREAS, The Liberty Tree, from its original planting in 1646, grew to be a symbol of
12 freedom for citizens everywhere; and

13 WHEREAS, The Town of Coventry, Rhode Island, established a Liberty Tree Memorial
14 in front of its Town Hall on June 20, 2009; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby proclaims August 14, 2012, as "Liberty Tree Day" in the State of Rhode Island. We urge
17 all the citizens of the State to support the goals of the Liberty Tree Society in its efforts to
18 recognize the significance and role of the Liberty Tree in the formation of our country's
19 independence, and to rededicate themselves to the tradition of our ancestors and to the principles

1 of freedom under which our country has grown and prospered; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Liberty Tree Society.

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